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EDITORIAL.

Spring has begun when the first birds arrive from the south. We recognize in the appearance of the birds the beginning of new conditions of both weather and landscape. To the true ornithologist spring covers the time during which the birds are passing north, summer the time of nesting and molting, after the movement north has ceased and before the breeding birds have ceased to remain in hiding, autumn is the season of southward migration, and winter the remainder of the year. We are just now entering upon spring, with its predictions of coming birds and coming mild weather and have little difficulty in spurring ourselves to more effort in bird study. We do well when we pause to take stock of what we know and plan to accomplish the most in this delightful study with the time at our disposal. There are two things which will be of great service in this study. The first is: Plan your study to suit your own convenience. The second: faithfully keep a note-book record of what you see and learn. By the record I mean what you actually see and learn, not what you think about the birds and hope to learn. You are after facts first, after the facts it will be time to draw conclusions.

It is the purpose of this Bulletin and of the Club which it represents to help those who need help in their study of birds. The editor is always ready to answer questions through these pages, if the question is of general interest and application, or privately, if that seems the better course. Questions which would naturally lead to controversy cannot be given a place for the very obvious reason that our knowledge of the birds would not be increased thereby. We are learners direct from Nature.

Mr. Frank S. Daggett is now in Chicago, and will probably remain there for a year. Any of our members who may be in the city would meet a welcome from him at 241-2 Rialto Building.

Mr. Clarence F. Stone of Brockport, N. Y., has had remarkable success in quest of the nests of the Cerulean, Canadian, Black-throated Blue, and other rare warblers, and if he is blessed with the necessary leisure hours, we may hope for an illustrated article on the subject.

Mr. W. H. Brownson, who is news editor of the Portland, Maine, Daily Advertiser, writes a very attractive bird column once a week for that paper. In his long walks he sees and writes of many interesting species.

Mr. Harry B. McConnell, of Cadiz (Ohio) Republican, has occasional interesting and instructive articles about the birds, giving special attention to the reasons why we should do all in our power to protect them.

Mr. Walter F. Webb, now in the nursery business, is just as much of a bird enthusiastic as ever. He is planning to build a fine house with plenty of room for cabinets for his collections. He would be greatly pleased to meet any of our members who may find themselves in Rochester, New York.

Advance proof sheets of Gleanings From Nature No. III, The Haunts of the Golden-winged Warbler, by J. Warren Jacobs, give promise of another treat of this interesting series. The makeup is similar to the Martin Colony booklet. There will be three full page plates showing the haunts of the Golden-wing, three smaller plates with nests in natural position, and two on one page showing series of eggs, with parents, natural size. There will also be a color chart, and notes on migration, nest building, song, food, young, eggs, etc., thirty pages in all. Mr. Jacobs is a careful observer and knows how to record what he sees.